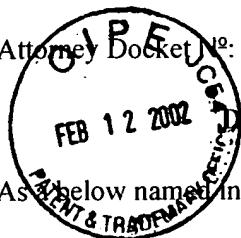


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I believe I am the original, first, and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled "Method for the Acceleration and Simplification of File System Logging Techniques Using Storage Device Snapshots", the specification of which:

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